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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 4563

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER - PANAMA

REF: SANTIAGO 4537, SANTIAGO 4560

1. RSO MET WITH SUBJECT "ARIAS" AGAIN AT 1930 HRS, 15 JUNE AT
EMBASSY SANTIAGO.

2. ARIAS RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUALS
WHO MAY POSE A THREAT TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

A. A PANAMANIAN NAMED CHIVO SANJUR, AGE APPROX 37 WHO SHOULD BE
WATCHED DURING PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. SANJUR WAS A RADICAL ELEMENT
OF PANAMANISTAS PARTY DURING THE ERA ARIAS WAS ACTIVE IN THE
PARTY (SHORTLY AFTER THE COUP). SENJAR WAS SUFFICIENTLY REVOLUT-
IONERY IN HIS PHILOSPHY THAT THE PANAMANISTAS OSTRASIZED HIM.
ARIAS FEELS THAT SANJUR IF STILL ACTIVE IN PANAMA, WOULD BE THE
TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD GET INVOLVED IN ANY PLOT TO DISRUPT
THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND EMBARRASS THE GOP.

B. AN ASSOCIATE OF THELMA KING (BEFORE HER EXILE FROM PANAMA)

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NICKNAMED "EL ANGELITO" SHOULD BE CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS.

ACCORDING TO ARIAS, "EL ANGELITO" WAS THE "ACTION MAN" FOR KING.

"EL ANGELITO" REPORTEDLY HAS TAKEN HIS ORDERS FAITHFULLY

FROM KING WITHOUT QUESTIONING THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS;

"HE HAS NO CONSCIENCE". "EL ANGELIOT" (LAST NAME POSSIBLY "CABRERA"

OR "CABRERO") IS APPROX 42 YEARS OLD.

3. IN ADDITION, ARIAS STATED THAT ANY PANAMANIAN OR OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN ENTERING PANAMA WITH A PHILLIPINE VISA SHOULD BE LOOKED UPON AS SUSPECT. ARIAS REVEALED THAT HE HAD MET THREE CENTRAL AMERICAN YOUNG MEN IN MANILA EIGHT MONTHS AGO WHO STATED THAT THEY HAD JUST BEEN TRAINED IN GUERRILLA TACTICS FOR THREE MONTHS IN THE PRC. THEY TRAVELED TO THE PHILLIPINES, THE NEAREST SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRY TO AWAIT THEIR ORDERS FROM THE PRC BEFORE THEY RETURNED TO THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES. THE PHILLIPINES (MANILA) APPARENTLY HAS BEEN STOPPING POINT ON THE WAY HOME FOR PRC-TRAINED CENTRAL AMERICAN GUERRILLAS.

4. ARIAS REVEALED IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH RSO THAT HE LIVES IN

LONDON AND THAT HIS FATHER JUST LEFT PANAMA (AFTERNOON OF 15 JUNE) TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT DEVELOP DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. IT IS ASSUMED, ALTHOUGH ARIAS NEVER VERIFIED HIS IDENTITY, THAT HE IS A NEPHEW OF THE EX-PRESIDENT OF PANAMA, ARNULFO ARIAS.

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